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WINSLOW RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

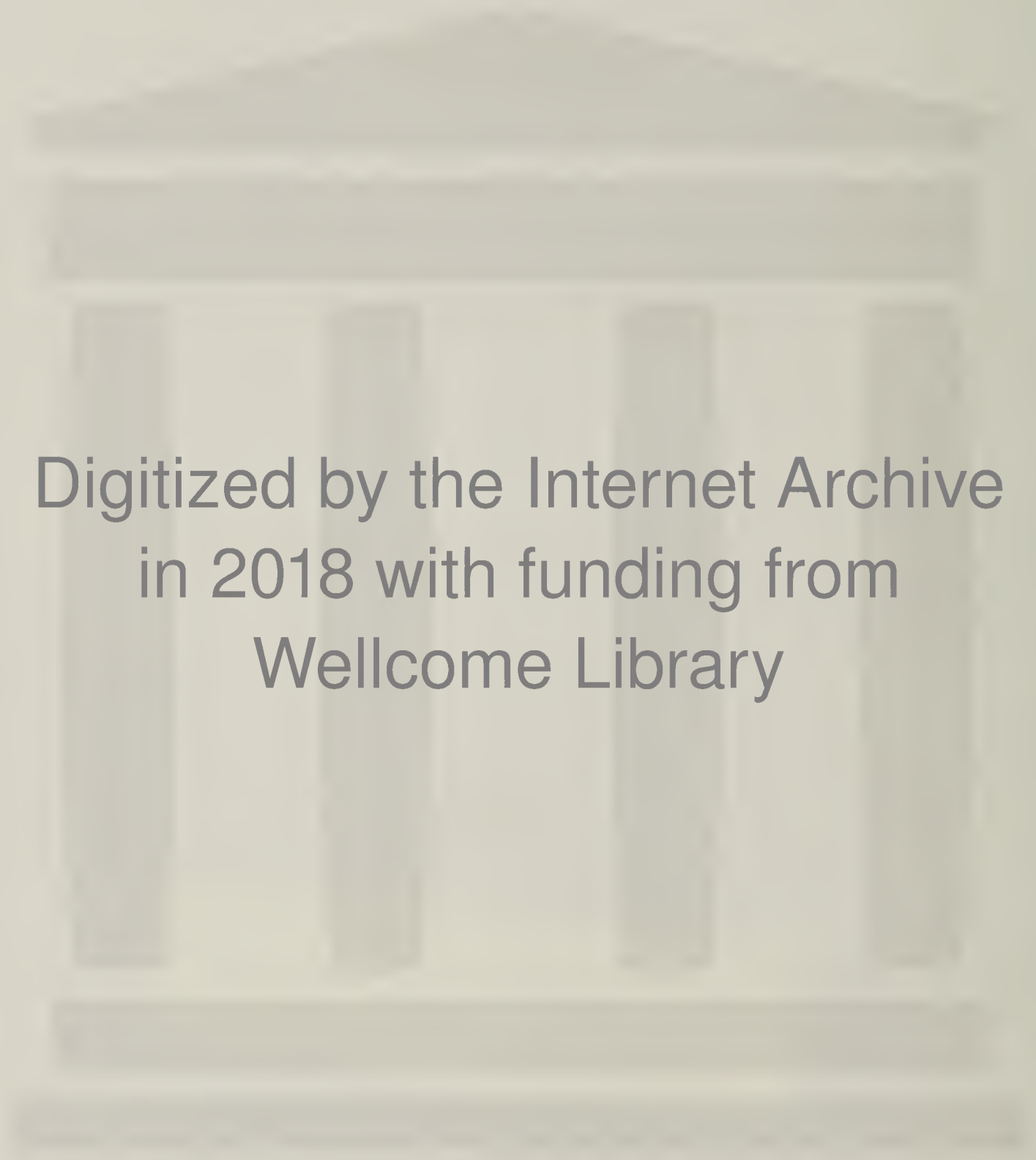
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CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

for the year

1965.

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REPRESENTING

Drayton Parslow
Dunton
East Claydon
Granborough
Great Horwood
Hoggeston
Hogshaw
Little Horwood
Mursley
Nash
Newton Longville
Newton Longville
North Marston
Shenley Brook End
Stewkley
Stewkley
Swanbourne
Tattenhoe
Whaddon
Winslow
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PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS FOR 1965

Medical Officer of Health

Dr. D.H. Waldron, O.B.E., M.D.,
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Inspector

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Mr. Chairman, Ladies & Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report for 1965. As I have been the new Medical Officer of Health for the final **quarter** of the year only, most of the work herein was carried out during the time of my predecessor, Dr. W.H, Waldron, for this report.

I am following the general arrangement laid down by him.

Vital Statistics

The Birth Rate shows a substantial increase which together with the increase in population suggests a younger age group predominating in the new additions. The Infant Mortality Rate for England and Wales fell to a record low (19) in 1965, and reflects a continued improvement in the variety of services and skills devoted to expectant mothers and their families. Happily, the figure for Winslow falls well below the National Rate (16.8) from the unfortunate figure of 44.8 in 1964. In view of the relatively small numbers involved, of 178 births, three deaths, too much emphasis should not be placed on figures for a single year. There was no maternal death.

At the other end of the scale the death rate is still lower than the National average. The main causes of death are now becoming well defined and point to the areas where future preventive measures must be found. These are diseases of the heart and circulation, and various forms of cancer. No death resulted from tuberculosis and the infectious diseases generally are becoming well controlled (though the risk of importation of many diseases must not be ignored).

I would like to thank the Council and in particular Mr. Shipp, Surveyor and Public Health Inspector, for the help he has given in introducing me to the area.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,



Medical Officer of Health.

VITAL STATISTICS

<u>Births</u>			<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>
Live Births:	Legitimate	Males	75	87
		Females	54	84
		Total	129	171
	Illegitimate	Males	3	5
		Females	2	2
		Total	5	7
Still Births		3	3	
Birth Rate (corrected) per 1,000 estimated population		18.8	23.9	
Birth Rate for England and Wales		18.4	18.1	
<u>Deaths</u>				
Deaths:	Males		57	52
	Females		64	59
	Total		121	111
Death rate (corrected) per 1,000 estimated population		10.2	8.8	
Death rate for England and Wales		11.3	8.9	
<u>Infant Mortality</u>				
Deaths of Infants per 1,000 births		44.8	16.8	
Deaths of Infants per 1,000 Births, England and Wales		20.0	19.0	
<u>Miscellaneous</u>				
Area (in acres)			36,436	
Population			8,700	
Number of inhabited houses at 31st December 1965 according to rate book			2,895	
Rateable Value			£265,345	
Sum represented by penny rate			£1,019	
<u>Principal Causes of Death</u>				
Malignant Neoplasm Stomach		3.		
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus		3.		
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast		2.		
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus		1.		
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms		4.		
Leukaemia, Aleukaemia		2.		
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System		14.		
Coronary Disease, Angina		27.		
Other Heart Disease		13.		
Other Circulatory Disease		9.		
Pneumonia		7.		
Bronchitis		6.		
Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea		2.		
Nephritis and Nephrosos		1.		
Congenital Malformations		1.		
Other Defined and Ill-Defined Diseases		9.		
Motor Vehicle Accidents		2.		
All other Accidents		3.		
Suicide		2.		

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND
OTHER DISEASES

During the year 83 cases were notified compared with 47 in 1964.

	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>
Scarlet Fever	1	1
Measles	39	79
Whooping Cough	5	-
Erysipelas	1	-
Tuberculosis	-	3
Pneumonia	1	-

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES

1. Laboratory Services

The bacteriological work of the District has been carried out during the year by the Laboratory, Stoke Mandeville Hospital Aylesbury.

2. Ambulance Services

These services are administered by the County Council and are now radio controlled throughout the county. The northern part of the district is served by the Bletchley Station and the southern part by the Aylesbury Station.

3. Child Welfare Clinics

Child Welfare Clinics are held at Winslow twice monthly at the British Legion Hall, at Stewkley once monthly at the Village Hall, and at Newton Longville once monthly. In addition the Mobile Welfare unit pays monthly visits to Great Horwood, Little Horwood, Mursley, Drayton Parslow, Swanbourne, Nash and Whaddon.

These Clinics are attended by Nurses, Health Visitors and a Doctor, and in addition to routine inspections, immunizations against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Poliomyelitis and Tetanus were carried out. The total number of attendances by children was 2313.

4. Home Nursing, Health Visiting, Midwifery

Nurses are evident throughout the area maintaining a service essential to the needs of the community.

5. Home Help Service

While all critical cases are adequately covered it is often extremely difficult to supply fully all needs in the area. Recruiting is particularly difficult in the Winslow area and this results in a reduction in the time available for patients. One hopes that more ladies will be able to undertake this arduous work in the near future to support those who are already bravely carrying the burden.

During the year 46 cases were assisted.

6. Hospitals

During the year the Aylesbury group of Hospitals have provided accommodation for surgical, medical and infectious disease cases.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Existing Sewers and Disposal Works

With the exception of the heavily overloaded works at Newton Longville all other works continued to function satisfactorily during the year. The position at Newton Longville got steadily worse as more houses were erected. The works themselves have always been rather inadequate by modern standards and with the amount of effluent passing through the plant it has become virtually impossible to ensure any form of satisfactory treatment. Very little progress was made during the year towards solving the problem due to the uncertainty arising out of the proposed new city and the future plans for the expansion of Bletchley.

During the year sewer surcharging occurred on several occasions at Church Lane, Mursley and at Greenway, Great Horwood during times of heavy and continuous rainfall. The problems created at Mursley appear to have been solved by the installation of yet another anti-flood valve. At Greenway, Great Horwood, these are new houses which stand fairly close to the treatment works. Several houses on the lower side of the development were affected.

Schemes

Very little progress appears to have been made during the year in the preparation of the schemes referred to in previous years. The Nash and Whaddon scheme seemed to be in doubt at one time because of the projected new city. For the same reason the scheme for Newton Longville was further delayed. In addition very little progress seems to have been made with regard to the Claydon and Winslow Works Extension Scheme. In May the Council considered a report regarding the sewerage of Hoggston, Dunton, Shenley Brook End and Singleborough but decided that the implementation of the proposals contained therein would be uneconomical.

General

During the year we continued to experience very great difficulty in obtaining staff of the right type to maintain the Council's installations. There is no doubt that this is becoming a very serious problem as very few younger men are available for this type of work. Unless there is some very serious thought given to this question it may well be that we shall be in an impossible position in a few years time when some of the older men reach retirement age.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

Refuse Collection and Disposal

Following the Council's policy of improving the collection service, which started in 1964 with the elimination of the kerbside collection, a weekly service was introduced throughout the district during April. Unfortunately, due to labour problems, the service had to be cut once again to a fortnightly service for a considerable period during the remaining part of the year. However, the general improvement effected during the year and in 1964 has served to eliminate much of the criticism which seemed to increase with the influx of population to the numerous new housing estates erected in various parts of the district.

During the early part of the year planning permission was obtained for the use of a new refuse tip in the Stewkley area and towards the end of the year a bonus payments scheme was introduced in an endeavour to retain labour.

Streets Cleansing - Winslow

The only highways cleansed by the Council are as follows and these together with the Market Square are done at the latter end of each week. A litter collection is also carried out in the High Street on Mondays.

- (a) High Street
- (b) Station Road
- (c) Buckingham Road
- (d) Sheep Street
- (e) Horn Street

Salvage

The value of salvage during the year amounted to:-

Paper	£48-15-2	(Rates)
Metals	£42-12-11	(Housing)

There was a general fall off in the value of paper salvaged during the year. I attribute this to the fact that for a large part of the year we had to revert to a fortnightly collection service due to labour difficulties. This meant that there was insufficient time and labour to sort the paper.

HOUSING

Improvement Grants (Discretionary and Standard

During the year the Council agreed to make Standard Grants to a maximum of £2319 - 16 - 6d. This is a considerable reduction on previous years.

1964	£5160 - 10 - 0		
1963	£4430 - 0 - 0		
1962	£4425 - 0 - 0		
(a) Number of applications received		<u>1965</u>	<u>1964</u>
(b) Number of applications approved		19	37
(c) Number of applications withdrawn		17	36
(d) Number of applications refused		2	-
		-	1

Two applications for Discretionary Grants were received only one of which was approved. The grant approval in this case was the maximum of £400.

Council Houses

The number of houses owned by the Council at the 1st April 1965 was:-

Pre-War	226
Post-War	452
Total	678

Unfit Houses

- (a) Number of houses demolished during the year 11.
- (b) Number of houses closed during the year 2.

RODENT CONTROL

General Inspection and Treatments

During the year the following inspections and treatments were carried out:-

	<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Treatments</u>
Dwellinghouses	1292	189
Agricultural Properties	201	27
Business Premises	59	10

Sewer Treatments

During April the public sewers throughout the district were given a 10% test treatment and only minor infestations were found at North Marston, Granborough and Stewkley. These were dealt with by the routine maintenance treatments in April and November.

WATER SUPPLIES

Water supply throughout the district is the responsibility of the Bucks Water Board and I am indebted to them for the following information.

1. Supply throughout the district has been at all times satisfactory as regards both quantity and quality.
2. Regular samples of water were taken during the year and the results of these indicated that the water supplied conformed to the high standard of that required by any public supply authority.
3. There is no tendency to plumbo-solvency.

All parishes in the district are supplied with water from public mains and apart from a few isolated farms and other properties the majority of the population are served.

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

The following inspections were carried out during the year:-

	No. on Register	Inspections	Written Notices	Occs. Pros.
Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 & 6, are to be enforced by Local Authorities	3	2	NIL	NIL
Factories not included in the above in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	16	8	NIL	NIL
	19	10	NIL	NIL

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES, ACT, 1963.

The number of registered properties at the end of 1965 was 35. During the year all these properties received a general inspection. The main items found to be in need of attention were the absence of thermometers and abstracts of the Act. During this year occupiers have, very largely, rectified this position.

